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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

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Claim 1 (currently amended): A junction terminal accommodated in a connector housing to connect a pin terminal fitted on a case of an electric instrument with a receptacle terminal of a wiring harness connector, the junction terminal comprising:

a female electrical contact portion to electrically connect with the pin terminal of the electric instrument,

a male electrical contact portion to electrically connect with the receptacle terminal of the wiring harness connector, and

a bridging portion to connect the female electrical contact portion with the male electrical contact portion, the bridging portion formed unitarily with the female and male electrical contact portions,

wherein the bridging portion is inclined the male electrical contact portion is arranged such that a first longitudinal line passing an intermediate point of the male electrical contact portion aligns with a second longitudinal line passing an intermediate point of the female electrical contact portion.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The junction terminal as claimed in claim 1, wherein the male electrical contact portion is constructed so as to be correctly positioned by a positioning member

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attached to the connector housing, the positioning member having a through hole to pass the male

electrical contact portion of the junction terminal, the male electrical contact portion having a cross

section that fits in the through hole to position the junction terminal in the connecter housing, the

positioning member having a locking piece engaged with an inner surface of the connector housing.

Claim 3 (currently amended): A connector comprising:

a connector housing and

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a junction terminal accommodated in the connector housing to connect a pin terminal fitted on a case of an electric instrument with a receptacle terminal of a wiring harness connector,

wherein the junction terminal has a female electrical contact portion to electrically connect with the pin terminal of the electric instrument, a male electrical contact portion to electrically connect with the receptacle terminal of the wiring harness connector, and a bridging portion to connect the female electrical contact portion with the male electrical contact portion, the bridging portion formed unitarily with the female and male electrical contact portions, wherein the bridging portion is inclined the male electrical contact portion is arranged such that a first longitudinal line passing an intermediate point of the male electrical contact portion aligns with a second longitudinal line passing an intermediate point of the female electrical contact portion.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The connector The junction terminal as claimed in claim 3, wherein the male electrical contact portion is constructed so as to be correctly positioned by a

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- positioning member attached to the connector housing, the positioning member having a locking
- 4 piece engaged with an inner surface of the connector housing.
 - Claim 5 (currently amended): The connector The junction terminal as claimed in claim 4,
- wherein the positioning member has a through hole to pass the male electrical contact portion of the
- junction terminal, and a cross section of the male electrical contact portion fits in the through hole
- to position the junction terminal in the connecter housing.
- Claim 6 (new): The junction terminal as claimed in claim 2, wherein the connector housing
- is secured to the case with bolts.

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- Claim 7 (new): The connector as claimed in claim 5, wherein the connector housing is
- secured to the case with bolts.

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